



## EFFECT ON PRICES

The withdrawal of the sales tax on certain foodstuffs has apparently given countless price-conscious Canadians the impression that such costs would drop immediately so that, when these declines are not felt as expected, consumers are rushing to complain, with the complaints reaching Parliament Hill now.

"As to the effect on domestic prices we have no official information but through the Wartime Prices and Trade Board we happen to know that a number of firms passed on the saving immediately," Finance Minister Abbott told the House of Commons, mentioning in particular immediate price cuts noticed in smoked meats and canned goods. "As to how this can be policed as I said before, under our system it can be policed only by the operation of supply and demand and the forces of competition. The only alternative would be a rigid over-all price system with inspectors going into every store to investigate the cost, the mark-up and the margin of profit on any particular item. I think it will be readily appreciated that that is impracticable."

## BASES ON BRITISH TERRITORY

The Canadian Government has not taken part in any negotiations nor is it even aware of any negotiations involving British territories on which the United States was granted 99 years leases with a view to having these leases cancelled. This has been disclosed here in official quarters where it is indicated that the Canadian Government is not taking

any action in this matter and is not even aware of any conferences being held.

## COMMUNIST SUPPORT

In answer to a question on a report that "Communists intend to support the Liberals in the coming Quebec election", Postmaster General Bertrand replied "The Liberal Party accepts no responsibility as regards Communists."

## TECHNICAL AGRICULTURALISTS

It is reported now that the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian Government employs no less than 1,351 technical agriculturalists and these are paid a total of \$4,169,820 a year, emphasizing the growing value of such services to the Canadian farming operations. In fact, at the headquarters here in this capital 299 such technical agriculturalists are employed now at an annual cost in wages of \$1,119,140. In other areas, such trained personnel include 280 in Ontario, 138 Quebec, 132 Alberta, 134 British Columbia, 131 Saskatchewan, 121 Manitoba, 50 New Brunswick, 46 Nova Scotia, 19 Prince Edward Island and one in North west territories.

## FIT TO PRINT

"It is a most difficult thing to say what is fit for publication and what is not," said Justice Minister Halsey in Parliament. "We receive a continuous stream of resolutions asking us to ban salacious magazines and other publications, and there is the same complaint about these comics, which it is alleged lead children to crime. But it would appear that it is covered now by the Juvenile Delinquents Act, which provides a penalty for any person doing or contributing to a child's becoming a juvenile delinquent. The trouble, of course, would be to get a conviction."

"The possibility depends largely on the state of public opinion in the community," Mr. Halsey emphasized. "It is not possible to define with any exactitude decency or a publication that leads to crime."

## DO YOU WEAR IT OR EAT IT

"What is illipe butter? It is not

margarine is it? asked an MP in the House of Commons with this being but one of many questions asked about illipe butter along Parliament Hill, where it is surprising how few observers really did know this "64 question".

"No it is not margarine" said a spokesman for the Canadian Government, pointing out that illipe butter is used mainly as a substitute of cocoa butter in the manufacture of chocolate and chocolate coatings for the biscuit trade, with this illipe butter providing a fat that has a somewhat higher melting point than cocoa butter and which tends to prevent the bloom on the chocolate or coating."

"Imports during the next 12 months are estimated to range from 1000 to 2000 tons," said this spokesman.

## FAIR AND JUST

"I would reply to that question that when we receive from the Premier of British Columbia a statement in which the Premier sets forth the need for financial assistance, we will take immediately that request into consideration and will deal with it on lines which we believe will be considered fair and just by the province and by the Dominion," declared Premier King when he was asked in Parliament about what financial assistance will be given to B.C. following floods.

## C.B.C. and TELEVISION

It has been made clear now that if and when television is established and operated in Canada, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will have supervision of television rather than the National Film Board.

## FLOURINE IN DRINKING WATER

Health Minister Martin has disclosed that the Dental Health Division of his Department is co-operating with the City of Brantford, Ont., and the National Research Council to discover the effects of adding flourine to the water supply in that city with a survey team being now at work. The teeth of the children in that city will be compared with those of two other Canadian cities, Sarnia and Stratford. This will require dental examinations of about 5000 children during 1948 and it is expected that the examination will be repeated every two years for 8 years. The purpose of his undertaking is to find out if the addition of flourine drinking water will reduce tooth decay.

## SAID IN THE CAPITAL

"The European Recovery Program Act passed in the United States has proven a tonic for the whole world" commented the U.K. High Commissioner to Canada, Sir Alexander Cluttenbuck during an address here.

"Mr. Isely's willingness to remain

in office throughout the present session was due to what he felt he owed to Parliament and in particular to his colleagues in the government with whom he had been associated in the preparation of sessional program," said Premier King in this capital discussing the coming retirement of Justice Minister Isely who is entering private law practice in Montreal.

"This situation concerns all Canada," declared George Cruikshank MP for Fraser Valley, B.C. whose riding has been hardest hit by the floods in B.C.

"Women must be active in finding ways to improve our own democracy and make it strong," stressed Mrs. R. J. Marshall, President of National Council of Women in a speech here.

"Most oculists do not accept rebates but the situation varies considerably in different parts of the country," stated Combines Investigation Act Commissioner McGregor in connection with the report about "kickbacks" on eyeglass prescriptions.

"I am one who does not believe in the possibility of another war but if it should happen we shall fight it shoulder to shoulder," remarked Dr. J. H. van Rijen, The Netherlands Ambassador to Canada during a ceremony in this capital.

## WEEKLY WIND-UP

Stories about changes in the federal cabinet are circulating more and more in this capital lately, with one persistent story being that the Premier of a mid Western Province may enter the cabinet upon the retirement of Premier King.

Finance Minister Abbott does not appear to like the charge that the taxes on soda pop and candy are taking candy from kids, emphasizing strongly that not only children are involved since candy taxes produced \$16,398,000 last year and soda pop \$23,767,000.

In order to complete the essential

business as much as possible by June 30th, it is proposed the House of Commons will sit practically "day & night" running procedure from 11 a. m. to 1 p.m. 2-6 and 8-11 p.m.

The National Council of Women's annual meeting here left no doubt that the wanted rental controls "until such time as the housing shortage has been alleviated" with women from all parts of Canada apparently being impressed that much more will have to be done before the housing problems is solved and controls are lifted.

Sir Fredrick Bain, President of British Industries, passing through Ottawa, stated that 35,000,000 yards of British textiles have already been shipped to Canada this year.

A famous Hollywood movie producer declared here that good films can be made in Canada to conserve exchange, completing plans of his own to make his second feature in this country.

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